



**Des Moines Public Schools
Gifted/Talented Education**

September 2015

Parents,

Your child has the opportunity to participate in Battle of the Books this year. Battle of the Books is a reading program designed to encourage identified gifted students to read and to give recognition to those who like to read. Teams are forming soon at your child's school. Students are also free to put their own team together. A minimum of four and a maximum of six students make up each team. Every team has an adult team coach. Participants read from a pre-selected list of forty books. Because **participants are expected to read at least 10-12 books**, students must have a great deal of task commitment. In March, the teams engage in "battles" by answering questions about the books they have read. Although one team eventually wins first place, everyone in this program is a winner.

The Battle of the Books reading list is available in your child's school library and from the Battle of the Books coach. Books are available from the school library or the public library. Building competitions are completed by Spring Break. The two highest scoring teams from each school advance to the regional competition after Spring Break. The District Battle of the Books Competition is held in April where the winning teams from the regional competitions compete for the overall district title.

Please complete the permission slip below and return it to your child's classroom teacher. **We are looking for parents to help coach each team.** Please indicate below if you are willing to coach your child's team.

You may contact _____,

Battle of the Books coordinator, at _____

School at _____ if you have questions.

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Battle of the Books Permission Form

Name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom _____

Parent Signature _____

Please check if you are interested in coaching a team _____